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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

JACOBUS W. VALLEN

PHN 16,749

Serial No.

Group Art Unit:

Filed: Concurrently

Examiner:

**ELECTRIC BALLAST**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

REMARKS

In view of the above-amendatory matter and remarks to  
follow, early and favorable consideration of the subject  
application are respectfully requested.


Claim 3 has been amended to eliminate multiple

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dependency.

It is hoped that this Preliminary Amendment will  
facilitate examination of the application on its merit.

Respectfully submitted,

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